

# HEMODYNAMIC MANAGEMENT OF SEPTIC SHOCK



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# Clinical Spectrum of Infection Infection

↓  
Bacteremia

↓  
Sepsis

↓  
Severe Sepsis

↓  
Septic Shock



# ACCP / SCCM Consensus

## Definitions of SIRS and Allied Disorders

Crit Care Med 1992 (20):864-874

### SIRS

**The systemic inflammatory response to a variety of severe  
Manifested by 2 or more of the following conditions:**

***Temperature***

**>38 deg C or <36 deg C**

***HR***

**>90 beats/min**

***Respiratory Rate***

**>20 breaths/min or PaCO<sub>2</sub> <32**

***WBC***

**>12,000 or <4,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or >10**

### SEPSIS

**The systemic response to infection. Manifested by the same  
SIRS.**



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## SEVERE SEPSIS

Sepsis associated with organ dysfunction, hypoperfusion,  
Perfusion abnormalities include but are not limited to:

*lactic acidosis  
oliguria  
↓ mental status*

## SEPTIC SHOCK

Sepsis with hypotension (SBP<90), despite adequate fluid perfusion abnormalities as listed for severe sepsis. Patient vasopressor agents may not be hypotensive.



## Incidence / Magnitude of Problem

- **300,000 to 500,000 cases of bacteremia each year in associated 20-30% mortality.**
- **200,000 bouts of septic shock.**
- **Sepsis is the leading cause of death in noncoronary intensive care units.**
- **Mortality has changed little over the last 20 years.**
- **Incidence of sepsis appears to be increasing.**



# Reasons Underlying Rising Incidence of Sepsis and Continued High Mortality

*(Chest 1991 (99): 1000-09).*

- **Increased patient age**
- **Increased use of cytotoxic/immunosuppressive drug therapy**
- **Increased incidence of concomittent medical illness**
- **Increased use of invasive devices for diagnosis and therapy**
- **Rising incidence of infections due to organisms other than Gram negative bacteria (Gram + bacteria, fungi, and possibly viruses)**
- **Perhaps, the emergence of antibiotic resistant organisms**



# Individual Host Risk Factors

Bone, RC. The Pathogenesis of Sepsis. **Ann Int Med** 1991(1)

- Extremes of age
- Chronic disease
- Substance abuse
- Immunosuppressive therapy
- Vascular catheterization
- Prosthetic devices and urinary catheters
- Tracheal intubation



Brun-Bruisson et al. prospectively studied 11,828 consecutive patients admitted to 170 adult ICU's in France over a 2 month period in 1993.

Of these , 64% were medical admissions, while 18%, 14%, and 4% were due to scheduled surgery, unscheduled surgery, or nonoperative trauma respectively.

They found a 9% incidence of clinically suspected and confirmed sepsis with a 28 day mortality of 56% in patients with severe sepsis.

Only 3 of 4 patients presenting with clinically suspected severe sepsis had documented infection.

The mortality of the culture negative sepsis subgroup was statistically similar to the overall group.

**JAMA. 1995 ;274: 968-974**



## Risk Factors for both early (<3days) and secondary (3-28 days)

Simplified Acute Physiology Score (SAPS) II  
# of acute organ system failures

### Risk Factors for early death

low arterial pH (<7.33) ( $P < .001$ ) & shock ( $P = .03$ )

### Risk Factors for secondary (>3d) death

admission category (unscheduled surgery >> medical > scheduled surgery > nonoperative trauma ( $P < .001$ ))

rapidly or ultimately fatal underlying disease ( $P < .001$ )

preexisting liver ( $P = .01$ ) or cardiovascular ( $P = .02$ ) insufficiency

hypothermia ( $P = .02$ )

thrombocytopenia ( $P = .01$ )

multiple sources of infection ( $P = .02$ )



# Hemodynamic Abnormalities in Septic Shock

- Prototypic example of distributive shock.
  - ◆ Severe ↓ in SVR and generalized blood flow maldistribution develop in almost all affected patients.
  - ◆ After aggressive volume loading (**adequate preload**), C.O. normal in 80% of patients with septic shock.
  - ◆ This is in contrast to cardiogenic, extracardiac obstructive, and hypovolemic forms of shock which ↑ C.O.
  - ◆ Initial ↓ in LVEF occurring within 24 hours of onset with associated increase in both end-systolic and end-diastolic indices.
  - ◆ This pattern of ↓ LVEF and ↑ LVEDV is characteristic of survivors and is reversible. Ventricular function/size normalize 7-10 days following onset.
  - ◆ This pattern of dysfunction was extended to the R ventricle in 1990 by Parker et al. *Chest 1990; 97:126-31.*



# Changes in Cardiac Performance During Acute & Recovery Phases of Septic Shock

Parillo, JE. Pathogenetic Mechanisms of Septic Shock NEJM 328(20):1471-1477.

## Acute Phase (Hypotension and Reduced SVR)



LVEDV 225 ml



LVESV 150 ml

MAP	40 mm Hg
CVP	2 mm Hg
Cardiac Output	11.25 L/min
Heart Rate	150 beats/min
SVR	270 dyn*sec*cm <sup>-5</sup>
EF	$\frac{225\text{ml}-50\text{ml}}{225\text{ml}} = 33\%$

## Recovery Phase (Normotension)



LVEDV 125 ml



LVESV 50 ml

MAP	75 mm Hg
CVP	5 mm Hg
Cardiac Output	5.25 L/min
HR	70 beats/min
Stroke Volume	75 ml
SVR	1067 dyn*sec*cm <sup>-5</sup>
EF	$\frac{125\text{ ml} - 50\text{ ml}}{125\text{ ml}} = 60\%$



# Hemodynamic Patterns with Prognostic Value

- A lower heart rate at the onset of disease is predictive of survival.
- Normalization within 24 hours of either tachycardia or elevated cardiac index is associated with survival. Persistence of hyperdynamic state increases likelihood of death.

● Parker et al. Serial Cardiovascular Variables in Survivors and Nonsurvivors; HR as an Early Predictor of Mortality in Sepsis. *Crit Care Med* 1987;15: 927-9.

A low ejection fraction and ventricular dilatation are also associated with survival. This perhaps reflects Frank-Starling compensation of sepsis induced myocardial depression.



Jardin et al. (University of Vienna) prospectively studied 27 ICU patients in early septic shock.

MAP <60 mmHg.

Age range (21-76), mean 46 years old.

A-line + PAC monitoring.

11 patients (41%) had RV ejection fraction <45 %.

This group required vasoactive/inotropic drugs to achieve and maintain an adequate perfusion pressure (MAP >60 mm Hg). Fluid replacement alone, (average 2850 +/- 210 ml crystalline) was unsuccessful in keeping MAP >60 mm Hg at the end hours in these patients.

*Critical Care Med 1990; 18: 1055-1060*



## Why Is Ventricular Function Impaired ?

- High afterload due to pulmonary HTN and aggressive ventilatory support.
- Reduced preload due to fluid loss following endothelial cell injury and inappropriate vasodilation.
- Coronary perfusion may be reduced by hypotension, tachycardia and increased myocardial wall tension.
- Contractility may be impaired by circulating myocardial depressant substances, diffuse myocardial edema, and B-receptor dysfunction.



# Why Is Ventricular Function Impaired ?

- Initial hypothesis of coronary hypoperfusion leading to ischemic myocardial dysfunction was disproven by Cunnion et al., *Circulation* 1986; 73: 637-44. They showed septic patients had coronary blood flows controls, and similar myocardial lactate levels to patients with sepsis but no obvious myocardial depression.
- The presence in the bloodstream of one or more myocardial depressant substances (MDS) has been supported by in vitro myocyte preparations.



## Myocardial Depressant Substance

- affect myocyte contractility in a dose dependent manner
- water soluble
- not diffuse through dialysis membrane
- moderate size molecule at least 10,000 daltons
- Purified endotoxin, IL-1, Il-2 produced no depression of myocyte contraction.
- Endotoxin and IL-2 have produced hemodynamic alterations similar to septic shock in some human studies.
- TNF, based on animal models & in vitro myocyte preparation studies appears to be one of the major mediators of cardiovascular insufficiency in septic shock.

*Chest 1991; 99: 1000-09.*



# Role of TNF-a in Septic Shock

*(Clinical Infectious Diseases 1995;20:143-58.)*

- TNF-a has been proposed as the principal cytokine mediating septic-shock and sepsis related organ damage. Evidence to this effect includes:
  - ◆ High circulating TNF-a levels correlate with mortality in endotoxemia.
  - ◆ Passive immunization of some animal models with monoclonal Abs against TNF-a is protective against mortality/critical organ injury from lethal bacteremia.
  - ◆ Injection of recombinant TNF-a without LPS leads to pathophysiologic changes similar to those of bacteremia & MODS.



# Biologic Actions of TNF-a

## (Cachectin)

*(Hall, Schmidt, & Wood, Principles of Critical Care, McGrawHill, Inc., New Y*

- Hemodynamic

- Hyperdynamic circulatory shock
- Capillary leak syndrome
- Microvascular thrombosis
- Inhibition of cardiac myocyte B-adrenergic responsiveness.

- Microbiologic

- PMN activation, degranulation, enhanced O<sub>2</sub> radical release.
- Neutrophilia, lymphopenia.
- Increased vascular permeability of the gut.

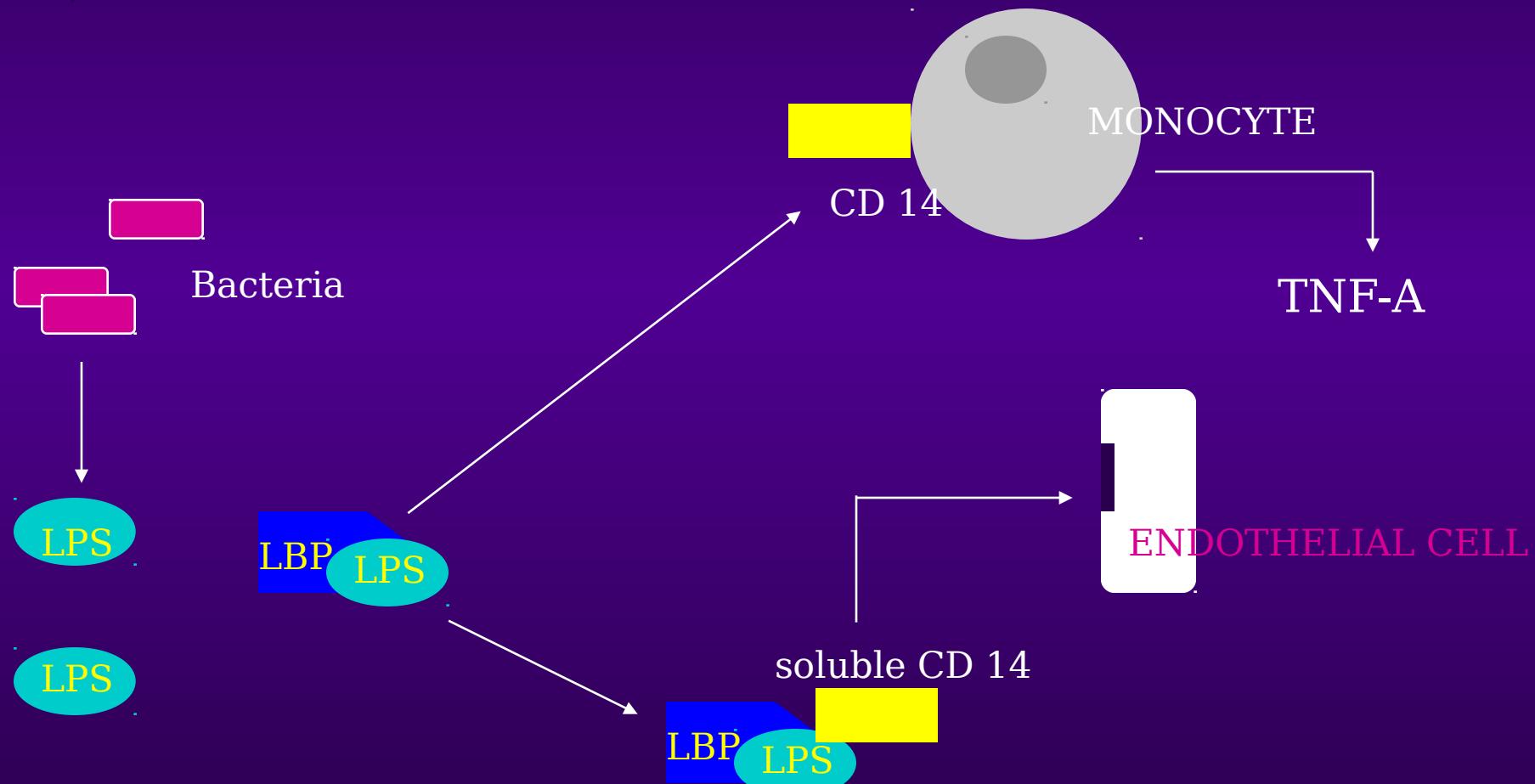
- Immunologic

- Induction of hepatic acute phase synthesis
- Fever
- Promotion of IL-1, IL-2, PAF, IL-6, and eicosanoid production.
- Stimulation of B & T lymphocyte proliferation



# Pathogenesis of Septic Shock

*Journal of Infection 1995; 30: 201-206.*



# Pathogenesis of Sepsis Mediated Hemodynamic Dysfunction

## NIDUS OF INFECTION

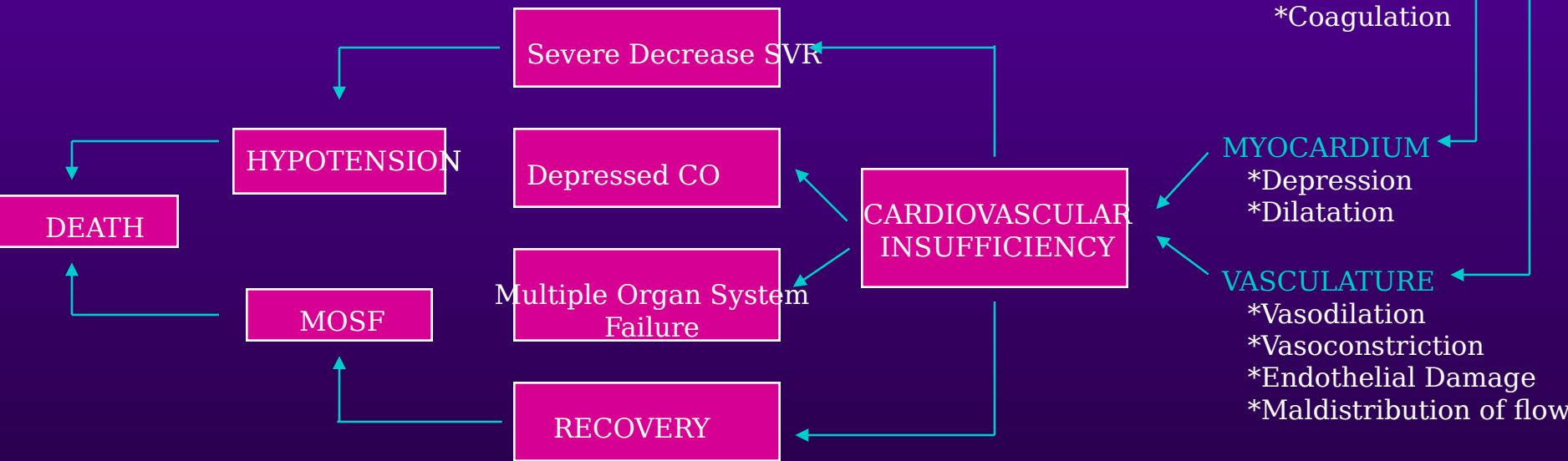
Pneumonia  
Peritonitis  
Cellulitis  
Abscess  
Other Infection Sites

→ ORGANISMS → EXOGENEOUS TOXINS → ENDOGENOUS

Organism  
Structural Component  
Exotoxin (TSST-1, Toxin A)  
Endotoxin

## S MEDIATORS

CYTOKINES  
\*Interleukin 1,2,...,6  
\*Tumor Necrosis Factor  
PLATELET ACT FACTOR  
ARACHIDIC ACID METABOLITES  
HUMORAL CASCADES  
\*Complement  
\*Kinins  
\*Coagulation





# Differential Diagnosis of Septic Shock

- **Other Nonseptic Causes of Hyperdynamic Shock.**
  - ◆ overdosage of drugs with vasodilator properties
  - ◆ Toxic Shock Syndrome
  - ◆ primary/secondary adrenal insufficiency
  - ◆ anaphylactic reactions
  - ◆ severe anemia
  - ◆ severe liver disease
  - ◆ AV fistulas
  - ◆ thyroid storm
  - ◆ severe thiamine deficiency



# Differential Diagnosis of Septic Shock

- The forms of shock generally associated with a vasocostricted peripheral circulation.
  - ◆ hypovolemic shock
  - ◆ cardiogenic shock
  - ◆ obstructed circulation due to embolism or tamponade



# Hemodynamic Values in Sepsis Syndrome

Parameter	Normal Range	Change in Sepsis
Heart Rate	72-88 bpm	Sinus tachycardia
MAP	70-105 mm Hg	Hypotension <60 mm Hg
CVP	2-10 cm H <sub>2</sub> O	Normal; ↑, ↓.
PCWP	8-12 mm Hg	Normal; ↑, ↓.
C.O.	4-8 L/min	↑, but often not enough to compensate for ↓ CVP
C.I.	2.5-4 L/min/m <sup>2</sup>	<600 if no pressors
SVR	770-1550 dyne/sec/cm <sup>5</sup>	<1000 if no pressors
SVRI	1760-2600 dyne/sec/cm <sup>5</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	
DO <sub>2</sub>	520-720 mL/min/m <sup>2</sup>	Normal; may be ↓ due to hemoconcentration or shunting
VO <sub>2</sub>	100-180 mL/min/m <sup>2</sup>	Typically ↑.

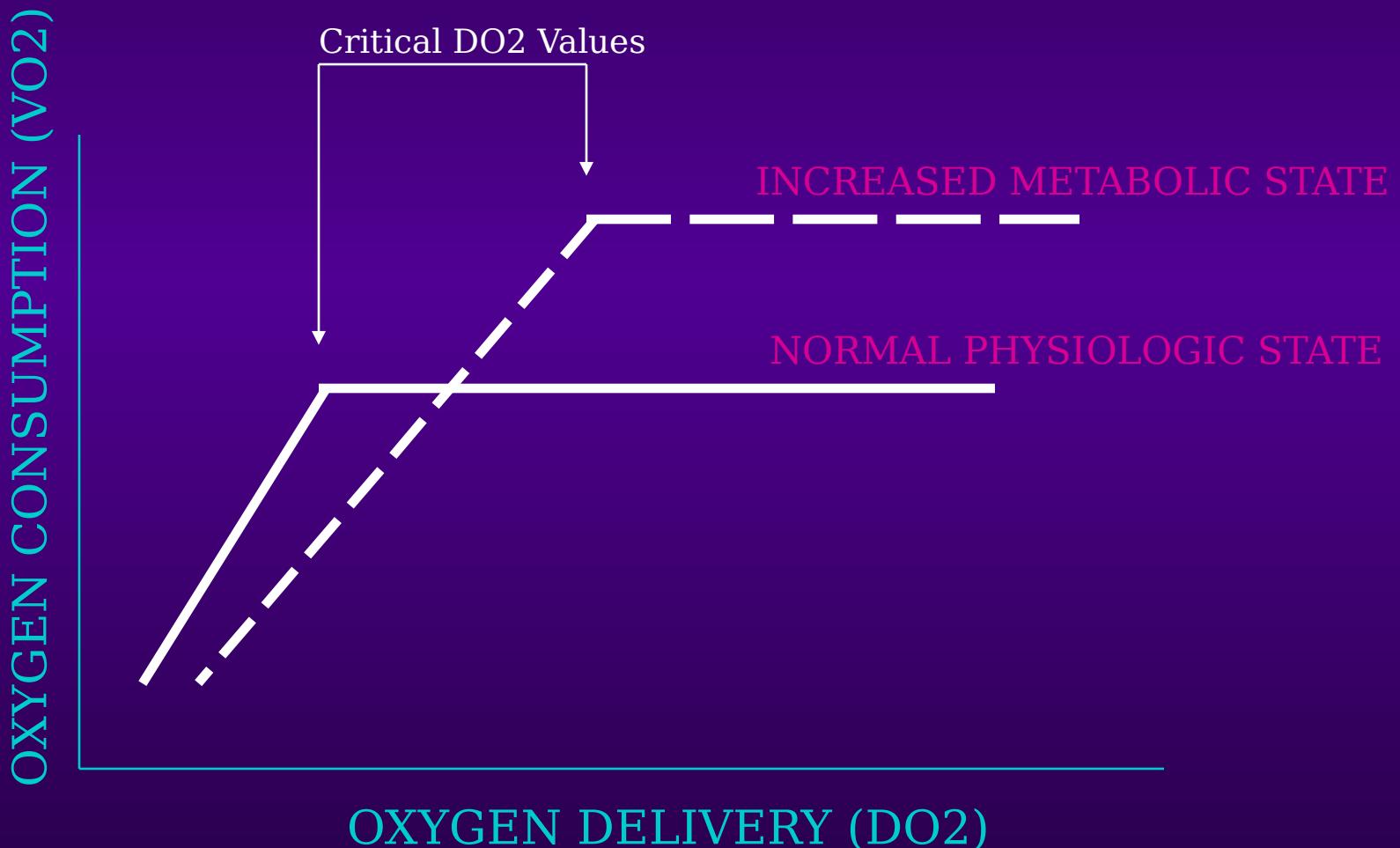


## Oxygen Delivery

- $\text{CaO}_2 = 1.34(\text{gm Hgb/dL})(\text{SpO}_2) + 0.0031(\text{PaO}_2)$
- $\text{DO}_2 = \text{C.O.} \times \text{CaO}_2$
- $\text{VO}_2 = \text{C.O.} \times (\text{CaO}_2 - \text{CvO}_2)$
- $\text{O}_2\text{ER} = (\text{CaO}_2 - \text{CvO}_2)/ \text{CaO}_2$
- Normal range of O<sub>2</sub>ER is 0.2 to 0.3
- Critical DO<sub>2</sub> in patients undergoing elective CPB was 330 ml/kg/m<sup>2</sup>
- Critical DO<sub>2</sub> and critical O<sub>2</sub>ER determined during withdrawal of therapy in critically ill dying patients were 4.5 and 0.6 ml/kg/min.
  - ◆ Arterial lactate levels increase progressively as O<sub>2</sub> delivery decreases below these critical values.



# SUPPLY DEPENDENT O<sub>2</sub> CONSUMPTION





In the 1980's Shoemaker championed the concept that normalizing hemodynamic parameters in hyperdynamic surgical patients was not good enough. His observational study of 708 high risk surgical patients without cardiovascular disease showed that post-op increases in CI, DO<sub>2</sub>, and VO<sub>2</sub> values were greater in survivors than in non-survivors.

Maximum cumulative VO<sub>2</sub> deficit averaged

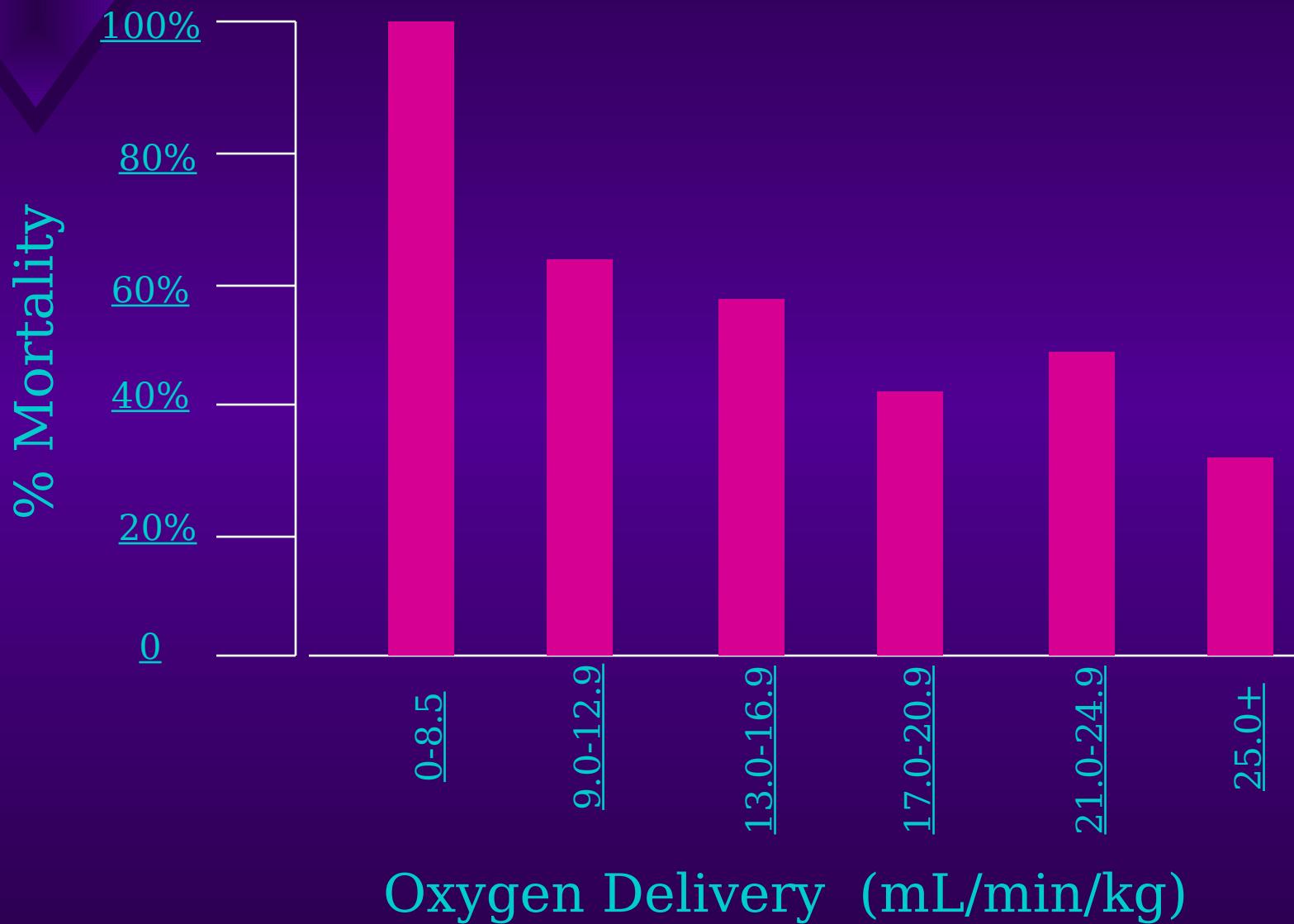
- 33.5 in nonsurvivors
- 26.8 in survivors with organ failure
- 8.0 in survivors without organ failure

Nonsurvivors took longer to reach their maximum cumulative VO<sub>2</sub> deficit, and the duration of the deficit was greater.

He argued that since increased VO<sub>2</sub> requirements can only be reduced slowly via medical intervention in patients with shock, increasing DO<sub>2</sub> is the most plausible strategy for tissue oxygen debt.

*Shoemaker WC, Appell PL, Kram HB, Waxman R, Lee T-S. Prospective trial of supranormal values of survivors as therapeutic goals in high risk surgical patients. J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 1988; 94: 1176-86.*

Tuchsmidt J, Fried J, Astiz M, Rackow E. Elevation of cardiac oxygen delivery improves outcome in septic shock.  
*Chest* 1992; 102: 216-220.





## Therapeutic Goals

- For Postoperative Patients

- ◆ C.I. 50 % > normal
- ◆ Blood volume 500 ml > normal if PCWP < 20 mm Hg.
- ◆ DO<sub>2</sub> > 600 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ VO<sub>2</sub> > 170 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>

- For septic patients

- ◆ C.I. 50-100% > normal
- ◆ Blood volume 500 ml > normal if PCWP < 20 mm Hg.
- ◆ DO<sub>2</sub> > 800-1000 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ VO<sub>2</sub> > 180 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>



*Most investigators currently agree that increased DO<sub>2</sub> is associated with survival.*

*Does increasing DO<sub>2</sub> in the critically ill patient improve survival or is it a marker for the healthy patient who is more likely to survive ?*



# Evidence for Maintenance of Supranormal Levels of DO<sub>2</sub> in the Critically Ill

- Acute endotoxemia and acute bacteremia animal models of sepsis induce a pathologic dependence of VO<sub>2</sub> on DO<sub>2</sub>.
- Numerous clinical studies of ARDS, sepsis syndrome, septic shock, and critical illness claim to show pathologic dependence of VO<sub>2</sub> on DO<sub>2</sub>.
- Several clinical studies have found that survivors of critical illness have greater DO<sub>2</sub> and VO<sub>2</sub> than nonsurvivors.
- Some clinical studies claim to show that nonsurvivors of critical illness have pathologic dependence of VO<sub>2</sub> on DO<sub>2</sub>, while survivors do not, suggesting nonsurvivors have an occult oxygen debt.
- Several randomized control studies of increased vs normal DO<sub>2</sub> found decreased mortality in patients who received increased DO<sub>2</sub>.

*Am J Resp Crit Care Med 1994; 149: 533-537.*



## Evidence Against Maintenance of Supranormal DO<sub>2</sub>

- Studies reporting pathologic supply-demand O<sub>2</sub> consumption should be interpreted with caution:
  - ◆ VO<sub>2</sub> and DO<sub>2</sub> are both calculated values sharing C.O. and CaO<sub>2</sub>
  - ◆ Archie et al., 1981, showed that randomly generated numbers in a mathematicaly coupled relationship can result in significant correlation which is entirely artifactual.      *Ann Surg 1981; 193: 296-303.*
- In every study of ARDS and/or sepsis in which VO<sub>2</sub> & DO<sub>2</sub> were measured independently, VO<sub>2</sub> was not dependent on DO<sub>2</sub>. In several studies, calculated VO<sub>2</sub> was found to be dependent on DO<sub>2</sub>, but measured VO<sub>2</sub> was not.

<u>Calculated VO2</u>	<u>Dependence</u>	<u>Measured VO2</u>	<u>Depen</u>
<b>ARDS</b>			
Powers (73)	Y	Lutch (72)	N
Donek (80)	Y	Annat (86)	N
Bihari (87)	Y	Cartile (89)	N
Fenwick (90)	Y	Ronco (91)	N
<b>SEPSIS</b>			
Kaufman (84)	Y	Vermeij (90)	
Haupt (85)	Y	Ronco (93)	N
Gilbert(86)	Y		
Vincent (90)	Y		



# Evidence Against Maintenance of Supranormal DO<sub>2</sub>

- The “**apparent**” relationship between O<sub>2</sub> delivery & consumption may represent normal physiology; increases in DO<sub>2</sub> occur in response to spontaneous changes in VO<sub>2</sub>. This can be misinterpreted as supply-dependent O<sub>2</sub> consumption.
- The “**normal**” critical O<sub>2</sub> delivery value & the O<sub>2</sub>ER have been derived in animal studies but not in humans. Attempts to identify these points in anesthetized cardiac surgical and critically ill patients used regression analysis of pooled data from multiple patients rather than individual patients.



# Vasoactive Agent Receptor Activity

Agent	a1	a2	b1	b2	Dopa
Dobutamine	+	+	++++	++	0
Dopamine	++/+++	?	+++	++	+
Epinephrine	++++	++++	+++	+++	+++
Norepinephrine	+++	+++		+/-	0
Phenylephrine	++/+++		+	?	0



# Cardiac Receptors

- Mainly contains **B1 receptors**  $\uparrow >>>$  chronotropy, inotropy, dromotropy.
- **B2 stimulation**  $>\uparrow>>$  rate, inotropy due to activation of adenylate cyclase and cAMP
- Postsynaptic **a1 receptors** have recently been described in the human heart.
  - ◆  $\uparrow$  contractility
  - ◆ do not  $\uparrow$  rate.
- Presynaptic **a2 receptors** are activated by Ne released by the sympathetic nerve, inhibiting further release.



# Dopamine

- Recommended as the initial drug of choice by many clinicians it increases both myocardial contractility and SVR via *a* and *B* receptors.
- May help maintain splanchnic circulation, urine output and renal function via *dopa* receptor action.
  - ◆ 1-3 mcg/kg/min- *dopa* receptors
  - ◆ 3-10 mcg/kg/min *B* receptors
  - ◆ >10 mcg/kg/min *a* receptors
- Increases heart rate
- Can cause tachyarrythmias
- May also increase Pcwp via pulmonary artery vasoconstriction.



# Dobutamine

- Ruffolo et al. showed that the B1 and B2 activity of dobutamine resides in the (+) isomer and the (-) isomer directly stimulates A1 receptors in the heart.
- Dobutamine produces a larger increase in cardiac output and is less arrhythmogenic than dopamine.
  - ◆ The strong inotropic action of dobutamine is a function of the additive effects of its A1 and B1 activity, and the weak chronotropic effect of the (+) isomer on the B receptors. *Crit Care Med* 96;24(3):525-537.
- The B2 vasodilatory effect of dobutamine often require its use as an adjunct to other catecholamines with more predominant A or B1 effects.
- Tolerance to the inotropic effects of dobutamine has been demonstrated after 72 hrs in CHF patients. *Am J Med* 1980; 69: 262-266.



## Dobutamine vs Dopamine

- Vincent et al., 1987, compared dobutamine with dopamine @ 6 mcg/kg/min in 24 dogs with endotoxin mediated septic shock.
  - ◆ Per given amount of saline infused, dopamine resulted in higher cardiac filling pressures, whereas dobutamine resulted in higher cardiac output.
  - ◆ When fluid infusion was titrated to maintain Pcwp constant, significantly more fluid (109 vs 71 ml/kg) was required with dobutamine.
  - ◆ The dobutamine group had greater SV (39.6 vs 21 ml) and VO<sub>2</sub> (194 vs 144 ml/min).     *Anesth & Analg 87; 66:565-71.*
- Several studies done in patients with cardiogenic shock, severe CHF, & respiratory failure reported similar findings.



# Does Dobutamine Improve Cerebral VO<sub>2</sub> and Septic Encephalopathy?

- Berre et al., studied 14 mechanically ventilated septic patients with altered mental status and stable hemodynamic status.
  - ◆ They measured mean flow velocity in the right MCA by TCD while incrementally infusing dobutamine 2-10 mcg/kg/min.
  - ◆ Cerebral A-V O<sub>2</sub> content difference and cerebral O<sub>2</sub>ER ↑ while mean flow velocity in the R MCA ↑ from 68 to 80 cm/sec.
  - ◆ Cerebral DO<sub>2</sub> ↑ by 12% with dobutamine use while cerebral VO<sub>2</sub> did not change. *Crit Care Med* 97; 25(3): 392-398.
- This and several animal studies suggest that DO<sub>2</sub> does not appear to be of benefit in septic encephalopathy.



# Phenylephrine

- $\alpha$ -1 agonist. Increases SVR & BP.
- May also increase contractility & thus C.O.
- Yamazaki (1982) evaluated 7 hyperdynamic & hypotensive patients against 8 controls with heart disease.
  - ◆ He used an infusion of 70 mcg/min $\uparrow$ to SBP by 30 mm Hg.
  - ◆ In septic patients, CI, SI, BP, CVP & HR $\uparrow$  all .
  - ◆ In the cardiac group , BP, HR, & SVR $\uparrow$  but CI $\downarrow$  & SI .
- Dasta (1993) treated 7 nonhypotensive but hyperdynamic SICU patients with doses of phenylephrine (0.5 – 8 mcg/kg/min $\uparrow$ range) over 3 hours. DO<sub>2</sub> $\uparrow$  and hemodynamics by 15%, VO<sub>2</sub> in all but 1 patient $\uparrow$



# Phenylephrine

- Gregory et al., treated 13 SICU patients with septic shock with phenylephrine (0.5-9 mcg/kg/min) in combination with dopamine / dobutamine.
  - ◆ VO<sub>2</sub> ↑ from 145 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup> baseline to 200 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>. ↑ Lactate      urine output , & SCR remained unchanged.
  - ◆ MAP, SVRI, SVI, & LWSWI all↑ . PCWP & HR were unchanged.      *Crit Care Med 1991; 19: 1395-1400.*
- Phenylephrine, alone or in combination with dobutamine or dopamine,      cardiac index, MAP, SVI, DO<sub>2</sub> and VO<sub>2</sub>.  
Lactate      .





# Norepinephrine

- First used 3 decades ago for the treatment of hypotensive states before development of the synthetic catecholamines dopamine & dobutamine.
- Most of the studies evaluating norepinephrine used it after failure of dopamine or dopamine/dobutamine to improve hemodynamic status.
  - ↑
  - ↓
- All of the studies found a significant ↑ in MAP with either a ↑ or no change in HR.
  - ↑
- CI either ↑ or did not change, and PCWP did not change.
- Seven studies evaluated urine output.
  - ♦ Four found an increase
  - ♦ One found no change
  - ♦ Two found a variable effect
  - ♦ No study showed a ↓ in urine output or a predisposition to ARF.





Martin et al., directly compared NE with dopamine in a prospective, blind, randomized study of 32 hyperdynamic septic shock patients receiving fluid administration.

Patients received either DOPA (2.5-25 mcg/kg/min) or NE (0.5-5 mcg/min) with the goals of:

SVRI > 1100 dynes/m <sup>2</sup> /cm <sup>5</sup>	DO <sub>2</sub> > 550 ml/min/m <sup>2</sup>
MAP > 80 mm Hg	VO <sub>2</sub> > 150 mL/min/m <sup>2</sup>
CI > 4 L/min/m <sup>2</sup>	

Dopamine administration achieved these goals in only 5/16 patients  
15/16 (93%) with NE.

10 of 11 patients who did not respond initially to DOPA responded to NE.

No deleterious effect of NE on urine output noted, but study only included patients with septic shock.  
*Chest 1993; 103: 1826-31.*



# Epinephrine

- Traditionally used when dopamine/dobutamine failed.
- Miran et al., prospectively studied 18 patients with septic shock, mean age 64, in an university ICU. In doses of 3-18 mcg/min, EPI ↑ HR, MAP, CI, LWSWI, SVI, VO<sub>2</sub>, and DO<sub>2</sub>. ↑Pcwp, ↑mean PAP, and ↑SVRI were unchanged. *Crit Care Med 93; 21(1): 70-77.*
- McKenzie et al., treated 13 volume replete septic patients with doses of 0.005 - 0.42 (mean 0.16) mcg/kg/min to C.I. > 4.5, and DO<sub>2</sub> > 600 ml/min/m<sup>2</sup>. MAP, CI, LWSWI, and DO<sub>2</sub> ↑. SVR, VO<sub>2</sub> were unchanged, and O<sub>2</sub>ER ↓. 54% of the patients died.  
*Intensive Care Med 91; 17:36-39.*
- In 14 patients unresponsive to fluid, dopamine, and dobutamine, with PAC diagnosed RV dysfunction, epinephrine (0.1 to 1 mcg/kg/min) improved ↓RV contractility. ↑MAP, CI, SVI all ↑. ↑Pcwp, ↑SVR, & ↑HR were unchanged. Overall mortality 64%.





In a crossover study of 8 septic patients using 2 hour infusions of epinephrine versus norepinephrine +dobutamine during maintenance of stable temperature and stable Pcwp using HES, splanchnic blood flow was 43% lower with epinephrine, and splanchnic VO<sub>2</sub> was 29% lower ↓(↓ splanchnic O<sub>2</sub>ER).

Effects on global hemodynamic and O<sub>2</sub> transport variables (HR, MAP, Pcwp, CI, SVR, and global DO<sub>2</sub> and VO<sub>2</sub>) were similar.

Splanchnic perfusion was evaluated using hepatic vein catheterization under fluoroscopy and indocyanine green dye dilution.

*Meier-Hellman et al., Crit Care Med 97; 25(3): 399-404*

Levy et al., found that the addition of dobutamine 5 mcg/kg/min to an epinephrine infusion in 20 septic patients had no significant effect on HR, MAP, CI, SVR, DO<sub>2</sub>, and VO<sub>2</sub> but improved gastric mucosal perfusion based on gastric intramucosal pCO<sub>2</sub> and pH measurements.

*Crit Care Med 97; 25(10); 1649-53.*



# Amrinone ???

- Phosphodiesterase III inhibitor; increases intracellular cAMP levels.
- Increases LV contractility in patients with severe CHF and dilated cardiomyopathy.
- Vasodilation and afterload reduction.
  - speed of relaxation of the left ventricle & may therefore affect  $\uparrow$  diastolic filling.
- Werner et al., 1995, studied amrinone in 6 pigs treated with endotoxin and 7 nonendotoxemic pigs (all anesthetized with ketamine, isoflurane, and pancuronium).
  - ◆ Amrinone  $\uparrow$  the reduced diastolic compliance seen in endotoxemia
  - ◆ Amrinone  $\uparrow$  LV contractility in septic pigs to a much greater extent than in the control group.
  - ◆ Amrinone further  $\uparrow$  MAP by 10% above the 34%  $\downarrow$  in septic pigs.

*Am J Resp Crit Care Med 1995;152: 496-503.*





# Perfusion Goals in Patients with Septic Shock

## HEMODYNAMICS

PCWP >10 but <20 mm Hg  
MAP > 60 mm Hg  
CI > 3 L/min/m<sup>2</sup>

## ORGAN PERFUSION

CNS - improved sensorium  
Skin - warm, well perfused  
Renal - UOP > 1 cc/kg/hr

## O<sub>2</sub> DELIVERY ADEQUACY

Arterial Hgb SpO<sub>2</sub> > 95%  
Hgb concentration > 10 gm/dL  
SVO<sub>2</sub> > 30 mm Hg  
Blood Lactate Conc < 2 mM/L



# Initial Resuscitation of Septic Shock

- ① Secure airway if respirations ineffective or patient unable to protect his airway.
  - ◆ Patients with hypotension not responding promptly to acute volume expansion should also be intubated to prevent respiratory arrest.
  - ◆ Supplemental O<sub>2</sub>
- ② Fluid resuscitation- follow BP, respiration, pulse, UOP, mental status, and CVP to assess response.
  - If circulatory status fails to improve after 2-3 L or signs of fluid overload develop consider vasoactive agents.
  - Consider placing a PAC as this will allow better titration of hemodynamic drugs and assessment of circulatory status.



## Resuscitation (cont.)

- ⑤ Both Shoemaker & Hall recommend starting initially with dopamine in low doses (2-5 mcg/kg/min) as this will not only improve perfusion pressure but may help preserve renal function.
- ⑥ The dose can then be titrated upward or NE added to achieve and maintain a MAP of at least 60 mm Hg.
- ⑦ Blood cultures and initial laboratory values which assess end organ function should be sent off- CBC, P1, P2, P3, PT/PTT, UA.
- ⑧ Early institution of appropriate antibiotic therapy is crucial. Delay in initiating antibiotics or initiation of antibiotic therapy which does not cover the offending agent are associated with a worse outcome.
- ◆ This initial resuscitation should ideally be accomplished within 1 hour.



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